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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



Member's Colt Wins James Barnes Plate!

Mr. E. R. Williams' Electro Returning to Scale

Members were pleased indeed to see the honours in the James Barnes Plate, main event of the Club's May Race Meeting at Randwick, go once again to a fellow-member's horse. Electro, a Delville Wood colt out of Lady Lume, finished brilliantly under the capable riding of W. Camer to gain the verdict from First Century by a short head. Winner is trained by E. Hush.

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KEEPING POSTED

THE 1954 Grand Billiards and Snooker Tournaments got away to a flying start at the beginning of last month. Early yet, of course, to pick the likely ones—you can judge for yourself, perhaps, from the results on page 11. Committeeman Arthur Miller found touch in the billiards to beat long-marker N. Seamonds; Ken Ranger made the grade against S. M. Norton by 28, but failed in the snooker to repeat the performance against J. L. Monaro.

WORD comes from Adolph Basser, who is enjoying himself with his usual verve in England. He has taken in a meeting or two with mixed success; has visited the British Industries Fair, had lunch in the House of Commons and listened to debate there. Hopes to see the Derby run and to attend Royal Ascot later. He mentions he has seen Cecil Manion, Arthur Norton and Don Wilson in London.

MEMBERS who have been confined to their homes with an assortment of the season's ailments include W. Dalley, Victor Bulgin (with a poisoned leg), Reg Kain and J. Hartland. Our sympathy!

MAX LAWSON, another accidental casualty, has been back in hospital again for attention to his broken leg.

JACK SHAW will no longer call the odds! Members were sorry indeed to hear that our good friend Jack had decided to hand back his licence to the A.J.C. and to field no more—giving as his reason that his health was suffering from the strain of bookmaking in all weathers. The "Daily Telegraph," writing of his decision, said: "Shaw for many years has been one of Sydney's biggest bettors, and has been conspicuous for his politeness to his clients. Women five-shilling punters received the same smile and thanks that Jack Shaw gave big punters who bet in thousands."

THERE is a story going the rounds that says that a certain member, down to his last six shillings at Randwick a Saturday or two ago, decided to set it to win thirty bob on the last race. The first fielder be offered it to said, "Oh, I couldn't take that!" So the punter halved his change and offered it again, saying—crushingly—"Can you take three bob, then? I'll place the rest with someone else!"

JOHN DUNNE, of 2SM, took pleasure in introducing an amusing guest to the Club—Mr. Richard Murdoch of "Much Murdoch" fame. A most congenial visitor.

TWO sets of visitors will grace the Club from time to time: both the Fijian Union players and the English Leaguers were grateful for the privileges of Honorary Membership during their respective sojourns in Sydney—and we were glad to see them here.

EDITORIAL: A Well-merited Privilege

Tattersall's Club meetings are fixed features in the racing calendar, with the approval of the A.J.C., to which the past—as the A.J.C. chairman mentioned on a controversial occasion—means something in long association and attachment.

Even so, some may ask: What has Tattersall's Club done to deserve this privilege?

The answer is that the club, in its establishment of nearly a century, has answered every plea, in peacetime and wartime, for the public cause.

Further: the club has given to sportsmanship a meaning beyond the range of leisure; a meaning of service beyond the limited things and gratifications.

The club's sporting standards have been set high and kept high. Membership may be accepted as a guarantee of character.

So Tattersall's Club merits its race meetings—a view which, we are happy to know, is shared by the people in general.

Happy Birthday to You!

JUNE

1 Norman Barrell	17 Dr. J. C. Bell
I. Green	Allen
2 G. B. Murtough	P. P. Hassett
L. O. Traynor	19 Neil McKenna
3 F. G. Harvie	N. Schureck
O. P. Howell- Price	Reuben Gray
John Wars	20 F. G. Under- wood
4 F. R. Clift	C. R. Cornwell
5 Alfred Brooks	L. G. Sharpe
6 R. N. Dowling	Horace Abbott
L. S. Parker	
7 H. J. Robert- son	21 H. R. Bowden
T. Keith Smith	A. W. Dye
E. W. McAlpine	C. F. Wright
N. Flohm	22 L. A. Dav's
L. M. Purcell	Raymond J. Murphy
8 R. M. Colechin	23 Ray Vaughan
G. W. Bray	C. D. Tarrant
9 S. Baker	24 A. E. Primrose
H. Bassett	25 J. D. Hickey
10 J. M. Mills	26 C. A. Hutcher- son
11 C. E. Young	A. L. Smith
J. F. Maunsell	27 Rev. Geo. Cowie
Dr. B. Maguire	
13 Hon. F. M. Daly	28 A. V. Caswell
J. A. O'Brien	F. E. Johns
A. J. Neustadt	C. J. Manning
H. J. Pamphilon	29 A. J. Genge
14 E. J. Carroll	R. O. Cummings
J. P. Bowles	L. A. Campbell
A. D. Clifford	30 R. A. Howes
J. L. Ruthven	Morgan Ford
A. C. Cox	B. L. Cutler

JULY

1 John Fox	N. Englese
3 S. J. Spencer	W. F. Furlong
Nolan	K. W. Asprey
4 J. H. Abbs	16 W. I. Hill
W. F. Peters	17 W. E. Askew
Clifford Bunce	F. W. Houston
5 S. M. Hughes	18 E. A. Halcroft
L. D. Noakes	Ralph Henry
S. G. Hume	19 A. H. Stocks
R. L. Brittain- White	R. H. Darch
6 R. S. Bracken	20 K. F. E. Fidden
B. Carrier	22 G. N. Storey
7 R. Concannon	R. C. Spurrett
W. D. Lawson	23 G. E. Baulman
Dr. J. D. Rus- sell	25 R. E. North- Ash
R. J. Collins	26 E. J. Thorn
8 D. W. Pye	F. W. Spring
J. M. Burnett	27 J. R. Colqu- houn
Geo. Christie	J. B. Carlton
C. F. Horley	J. Gunton
9 A. L. Finn	R. G. Irving
10 B. G. Stapleton	J. C. Rhind
J. Abraham	28 L. J. Maidment
C. A. Gray	Archer Whitford
11 J. T. Willson	C. J. Shepherd
S. C. Sinclair	A. A. Gregory
R. H. Barnett	F. J. Phillips
12 J. M. Cameron	29 R. C. Cooley
13 F. C. Belot	30 R. Mead
Dan Casey	R. F. Garnsey
14 H. W. Reilly	J. C. McCor- mack
A. A. Geerves	H. T. A. Doran
15 W. M. Gollan	
R. C. Chapple'	
A. J. Chown	

Members are invited to notify
the Secretary of the date of their
Birthday.

COMMITTEEMAN Claude Moore has had the misfortune to break his ankle. He is confined to his home with it at the time of writing—but hopes soon to be at the hobbling-around stage, and able to get in to the Club again.

MORE news of our travellers: Dr. C. J. King is in England. So is E. G. Conen. A. H. Charleston is touring Northern Queensland. George Phillips is off early this month to England and the U.S.A. on business. Norman Ellison, in case you haven't seen him, is back with us again.

SEVERAL travellers away this month: Claude Manning and R. J. Bartley have left for the U.S.A. and F. W. Spring will be away in the same direction later this month. John Herries has sailed for the United Kingdom; Alex Keeling, too, is away for a nine months' tour of Britain. Jim Henderson is another traveller heading for England.

HANS ROBERTSON is another member accidentally injured. In his case, the damage is a broken leg—his chief regret is that he will be kept out of the Billiards and Snooker Tournaments. Members will join in wishing him speedily back on both feet again.

EVERGREEN Alf Genge is made of tough and durable material. Stricken last month with pleurisy and pneumonia, he is on the mend and expects to be in the Club to receive congratulations on his June "double-header"—completion of 65 years as a member on June 3rd, and his 94th birthday on June 29th. We "dips our lids."

BERT SAKZEWSKI, president of Brisbane Tattersall's, has been paying one of his periodical visits to Sydney—and experiencing a little hospitality here, we believe. He is doubly welcome—both in his own right, and as representative of our good friends of the Queen City of the North.

QUIETE a few on the sick list this month: Charles Fahy is ill at his home; Tom Muir is in hospital—so is E. H. Vaughan. We hope to see them all up and about again soon.

THERE have been some members back with us again from overseas—and very well welcomed, too. Frank Paul, back from Japan and the Philippines—Harry Lesnie, too, is back from Japan. And Joe Goldberg is returned from the States.

THE American pressmen who had flown over here in the inaugural flight of the Qantas Constellation were among the guests of the Committee at the lunch at Randwick before the Meeting on May 22nd.

THIS is Fame Department: Apparently feeling that the name "A. Quist" should sound as good as a bank, a gentleman named Crawford (no relation to Jack) went around last week signing cheques in Adrian's name. The result—12 months for false pretences.

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BILLIARDS AND SNOOKER

TOURNAMENTS

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Club's May Race Meeting Forms

I. THE RACING

Though weather conditions were not all that could have been desired, good class horses contested the main double, the Flying Handicap and the James Barnes Plate, at the Club's May race meeting at Randwick. Close finishes were the order in most events, and the Flying field was the best to run in a main sprint in weeks.

HAD the weather been more favourable the attendance would have been much larger, but the little rain which fell was hardly noticeable.

In the Flying Handicap a close-to-Doncaster Handicap field lined up at the starting gates, the response by owners and trainers being quite pleasing to club officials and the executive.

The running was expected to throw considerable light on the prospects of Q.T.C. Stradbroke candidates, as several with a Brisbane engagement contested the sprint.

In winning the race, Gay Vista, which had good support at 7 to 1 after 10's had been laid, overcame an outside barrier position and led most of the way. He was ridden in Bill Cook's best style. Cook had the gelding quickly into his stride, took him across the track to the rails, then made it a case of follow the leader.

Gay Vista held off all challengers and won cleverly, drawing attention to his Brisbane engagements.

Gay Vista hadn't started since winning at Warwick Farm late in March, and it was a tribute to the skill of trainer Leo O'Sullivan that he could produce him ready to score at first outing after a rest. Gay Vista, unlike many other horses, thrives on a light preparation. He hadn't done any really fast work at Rosebery, but looked fit as he made his way to the starting gates.

Right behind Gay Vista at the finish was a bunch of horses with Birdwood second, Karendi third, then close up Crown Signal, Lucky Stride and Hans. Karendi and Birdwood looked a bit on the big side and both derived benefit from the run. They will be in better trim for the big sprints in Brisbane this month and in July.

The James Barnes Plate saw Club member Mr. E. R. Williams win with his smart colt Electro, who scored by a narrow margin from First Century and El Ziet.

Electro and some of the horses which followed him home later went on to Brisbane. Electro

was to contest the St. Leger on the opening day of the Q.T.C. carnival, Saturday, June 12, and was regarded as a Brisbane Cup prospect, though his owner also had Lord Forrest in the two miler. He thus held a strong hand.

Electro is a smart three-year-old and earlier had followed New Zealand stayer Lancaster home in the A.J.C. Plate. That was run under weight-for-age conditions.

The James Barnes Plate was so open that four runners shared favouritism at 9 to 2 and First Century, runner-up, was at 5 to 1. Third place-getter El Ziet went to the post at 12 to 1. The co-favourites were Electro, Earldom, Liberal King and Idlewild.

The race didn't prove as open as anticipated, because Electro and First Century singled out at the top of the straight and they had the finish to themselves, Electro taking the honours by a short neck.

The well-performed New Zealander Arabic, a member of Maurice McCarten's Randwick team, gave an excellent galloping lesson to his opponents in the Club Welter, for which he started a warm favourite.

Arabic had also won at his two prior outings and he looked particularly fit as he walked round the mounting yard before the start of the mile race.

Fine Trial for Brisbane Classics

2. THE PEOPLE

The moods of May are as contrary as the ways of a woman.

The poet who thus addressed his Muse can say that again without challenge from this quarter.

MAY race meetings are unpredictable: rain retreating before sunshine, sunshine turning to rain, and deceptive blendings, as on this latest occasion.

Rain set in as people were preparing to leave for Randwick, accounting for a deficit of at least 8,000 in the attendance. The afternoon turned out not uncomfortably wet, but prospective race-goers were not to know that.

A good deal of work was put into preparations by the chairman (John Hickey), the treasurer (John Roles), members of the committee, and the secretary (M. D. J. Dawson).

This was rewarded by first-rate racing in the general sense and, in the social sense, a happy luncheon, at which representatives of A.J.C., S.T.C. and kindred bodies were guests.

After several races, some club members departed for the N.S.W.-Fiji match, among them Harry Tancred (S.T.C. chairman), W. W. Hill (S.T.C. committeeman), Frank Carberry (Tattersall's Club committeeman).

Harry Tancred and W. W. Hill represented N.Z. and N.S.W. respectively on S.C.G., Frank Carberry was Australia's champion swimmer and always a good football enthusiast. So the old love called.

W. W. Hill and this writer looked back to games played by

the British R.U. team led by Bidell-Sivright, 50 years ago.

Among Newcastle visitors: Jim McLauchlin (N.J.C. chairman), Garrett Fitzpatrick (Tattersalls chairman), Brian O'Donnell (Tattersall's secretary), and the evergreen Bert Bowser, who was with his old pal, George Chiene (committeeman of our club).

Bill Sellen, another committeeman of our club, and an occasional guest of N.J.C. and Newcastle Tattersall's Club, saw that the northerners drank the regulation quota in accredited toasts, which rates much below that of Newcastle.

Had the spirit of James Barnes hovered over Randwick it should have been gratified by the tense tussle in the race named in memory of that grand old sportsman.

Stan Lamond, trainer of the second horse, withdrew a protest entered by his jockey, because (quoting Stan): "First Century is owned by Mrs. P. H. Osborne, whose husband was for many years an A.J.C. committeeman. He did not approve of protests being entered on behalf of his horses. I didn't think Mrs. Osborne would like to win a race on a protest."

The rapidity with which knobs were turned on betting boards, reducing the price of Radio Message, caught napping a club member (who must be nameless). He had been given the

winner as a special, but had become engrossed in a discussion as to who would win the A.J.C. committee election.

The club member missed the market. Moral: Make your bet first; talk afterwards.

Royal Message, dam of Radio Message, was bred by A.J.C. committeeman T. L. Bailleau, but not raced as Mr. Bailleau was on active service in World War II.

We were looking forward to the company of Eric Byron at luncheon, but the day was against him since he has not recovered completely from illness.

Dick Bates, leaving soon on his annual cruise to W.A., displayed a classy carnation of his breeding. This he had worn in anticipation of meeting Fred Wilson at luncheon.

The bloom's name was Glorious. Its defect, Dick mentioned, was that it doesn't last long. A cynic put in: "Everything glorious is fleeting."

Bill Brooks commented on missing faces, adding: "I came all the way from Cronulla." A city fellow came back: "But what is there exciting could you possibly turn to at Cronulla on a Saturday afternoon—listen in to the radio or play darts?"

Story was told of a jockey (not in this State) having been congratulated on losing without being called up for an explanation. The rider confided: "I was certain of the horses behind me, but a little afraid of those in the lead."



IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

Arthur McCamley Scores a Popular Victory

Most popular victory was that of Arthur McCamley in the April-May Point Score, which he collected with only three points less than the possible, by four points from consistent Bob Harris.

ARTHUR'S record for the four races held was three seconds in finals, followed by a first, and in the first event of the current series he was third.

In between times he had a second chopped off his handicap so it is going to be hard for him to win again soon.

His good record has put him well up the ladder in the "Native Son" Point Score for the season's points, as Arthur is now in third place a point ahead of Harold Herman.

Ahead of those two John Dexter and Bob Harris continue their hectic battle, and it's just a question as to whether Harris can wear Dexter down in the six remaining races of the season. Gradually he is wearing his rival down, and at time of writing he was only five points astern.

Harris missed a golden opportunity of getting closer when 'flu took toll of him on the day of a final in which he was almost sure to gather in two points at least. Previously in the season illness beat him and a holiday took further toll of his points.

In the next few weeks Dexter will miss a race, so Harris should be very close to leading soon.

Trevor Barrell, aided by an increase in handicap, is coming

up, and is now fifth on the list only, seven points behind the third man. He has a handy lead of three points in the current Point Score, with two races to go, and is going to be hard to beat.

Malcolm Fuller has been the speediest performer of the month, swimming 20.4 and 20.7 secs. twice with Bob Harris next best with 21.2 and 21.4.

Laughter was the order of the day when Arthur Webber put in his first appearance since returning from overseas. Our cheery friend certainly had the chuckles going when he met all his old swimming pals again. Sorry to have to relate that his two swims have resulted in an unplaced and a third in heats. John Gunton will just have to give you another second, Arthur.

Our little tip last month about Max Wayland nearly came off as in the very next race he won a heat well and was a good third in the final.

Only handicapping casualty of the month was A. D. Clifford, who put up an improved performance to win a heat and break his time by 1.1 seconds. The handicapper pounced on him, but Clifford could not win the final, which went to North Bondi surfer Laurie Trafford.

Laurie has been out of the limelight, but a couple of promising performances prepared his fans for a nice win over 40 yards in 25.2 secs., very close to losing his handicap.

Best barracker for Laurie was Fred Harvie, but there was no more delighted fellow in the Pool than Trafford himself, particularly as this was his first victory.

During May the Fijian footballers paid a visit to the Pool and the big chaps were very intrigued on seeing Australian champion Jon Henricks training for the Empire Games.

Anyway the tables were turned, as the Fijians, accustomed to be chased for autographs, all went after Jon's signature.

Noticed Cyrus Weld, of Queensland, another Australian Empire Games selection, training with Henricks in the Pool. It is really great that, through the courtesy of Tattersall's Club Committee, these lads have somewhere to get into condition during the winter for their big events in Canada.

Cyrus, by the way, is a son of "Bluey" Weld, a popular member of our Club.

Congratulations to Fred Daly on retaining his Federal seat at Grayndler. Should see some good form from Fred now.

Results

11th May—40 yards Handicap—1st Division Final: M.
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BOWLING NOTES



Newcastle Visit Highlight of Month

The Mid-week Knockout Competition was drawn to a successful conclusion at Double Bay on Tuesday, 18th May, and we offer our heartiest congratulations to Charlie Frost (City Tatt.'s) and his team on their grand performance in winning.

THE final scores: B. Fallon, A. Evans, R. Cave, C. Trost (City Tatt.'s), 27; V. Shepherd, O. Stenmark, C. Willis, W. Bull (Cricketers' Club), 23.

The standard of play throughout this competition was really first class, and some very interesting and exciting tussels were witnessed. To the runners-up all say "Well done."

The return game against Newcastle Tattersall's was one that will be long remembered. Players journeyed to Newcastle by the early morning flyer and after being welcomed at the Club, adjourned to Wickham Bowling Club, where luncheon was served. Cliff Rowland-Clark presided, and on behalf of Newcastle Tattersall's, welcomed the visitors and said he was very hopeful of avenging the defeat inflicted on them in the Sydney game. Gordon Booth, in response, was again his inimitable self, and a delight to his listeners. He expressed the wish that this inter-city match be played twice a year, a suggestion that was very well received. Newcastle cer-

tainly avenged their defeat, as they ran out winners by 33 points.

Results: R. Sanderson, E. Bain, R. Clark, T. Sanderson (N'cle.), 23; B. Leyey, E. A. Davis, W. Black, G. Booth (Tatt.'s), 17; A. Curtis, H. Close, G. Fitzpatrick, G. Antcliff (N'cle.), 29; J. Harris, J. Gibbs, N. Jones, J. A. Roles (Tatt.'s), 21; W. Moore, F. Hector, P. Doyle, C. Comins (N'cle.), 34; J. Hackett, J. Ruthven, S. Peters, H. Hill (Tatt.'s), 17; S. Steggles, J. Buxton, B. O'Donnell, D. Mackie (N'cle.), 19; J. Pick, A. Buckle, J. Monro, L. Fingleton (Tatt.'s), 22; S. Edwards, C. Giles, E. Smith, E. Curtis (N'cle.), 25; A. Turner, E. Abbott, K. Williams, W. McDonald (Tatt.'s), 20; A. Tiernan, S. McKenzie, J. Brennan, R. Orett (N'cle.), 24; R. Ball, T. McGrath, C. Traversi, J. Eaton (Tatt.'s), 24.

After the game we were again entertained at the Tattersall's Club (Newcastle), then on to the Great Northern Hotel for dinner. President of Newcastle Tatter-

sall's, Garrett Fitzpatrick, in his address of welcome, referred to the great bond of friendship between the two Clubs, and supported the suggestion of a bi-annual contest. Gordon Booth, in reply, apologised for the absence of our Chairman, Mr. John Hickey, who unfortunately was not able to attend, and introduced Mr. Jack Roles (Treasurer), who ably represented him. Vice-President Bill McDonald, in his usual exuberant and effervescent manner, responded to the toast of the visitors, and predicted a turn of tables at the next encounter. At 8.15 p.m. we were motored to Wickham Station to entrain for Sydney on the "Buckle" Express. To Alan Turner and Ken Williams a special "thank you" for the fine way in which they organised the trip and also for their musical entertainment. It is whispered that Alice's Blue Gown got really torn, that the "Express" made Hornsby comfortably in six hours, that Les Fingleton's rendering of "McNamara's Band" is something to be heard.

With the Mid-week Knockout Competition completed the selectors are anxious that the Club Pairs matches be played as soon as possible. Members will greatly assist if they contact their opponent and set a date.

Bowling Notes would not be complete without reference to the untiring efforts of our genial and energetic Hon. Bowls Secretary, Alex Buckle, and we take this opportunity of saying many, many thanks, Alex, for all you have done for us.

QUOTA FOR JUNE

180 AUSTRALIAN CIGARETTES

4 BOTTLES LOCAL BEER

Spear-Fisherman Owns an Island Paradise

Malcolm Fuller, Dual Sportsman, Makes Work a Pleasure

It has been said often enough that the man who can make a pleasure of his work is generally a happy man. If this is true, then Malcolm Fuller should be a happy man indeed—for he has been able in his living to combine work, sport, hobby and pure pleasure to a degree where they are almost inseparable. As Australian agent for leading overseas gun and rifle makers, he pursues his favourite sport to the benefit of his business. His practical experience in spear-fishing has brought about many improvements in aquatic equipment, which he markets here and in Victoria, and, as if that were not enough, he is now the lessee of Bowen Island, a fisherman's paradise indeed, which he and his wife run as a sort of paying hobby.

THE ownership of an island—a thing for which most of us have a sneaking ambition at some time or another—is in itself a remarkable achievement. And Bowen Island is well worthy of more than a mere mention. Malcolm, who took over the Crown lease of the island last year from the company that had started to run the place as a holiday resort, finds it a never-ending source of joy. And his wife, a keen exponent of spear-fishing, too, can well share his enthusiasm.

Once planned as a nudist colony, because of its ideal remoteness from civilisation, Bowen Island is well suited to a fisherman's haven. One hundred and twenty-five miles south from Sydney and half-an-hour from Jervis Bay, it was separ-

ated from the mainland in some past age by a vast volcanic disturbance.

Accessible to guests by means of chartered yacht, it is nevertheless free from overcrowding by strolling picnic parties and tribes of week-end rock-hoppers. Even the number of resident guests is restricted to ensure plenty of freedom for everyone. At limit capacity there is an average of 7-odd acres per person.

As a popular fishing resort, Bowen really came into existence only a few months ago. Malcolm Fuller paid the island a visit, was so taken by the teeming fish, crystal-clear water and white sandy beaches that he did not hesitate to obtain the lease to the isle when the opportunity arose.

This accomplished, his next step was to set-to renovating huts and cottages to supply comfortable accommodation. The island is equipped with sewerage, hot showers, fresh water, cooking facilities, telephone and store. There are special cabins for families, huts for small or large parties.

To eliminate the possibility of angler-spearfishermen disputes, each has been given his own section of the island. Two thousand yards of foreshore are reserved exclusively for angling and underwater photography. Its visibility in the clear water is extensive, one can get a good picture of marine life and the island's underwater topography.

Total area of the island is 370 acres, most of which is undulating grassland. There is a lee shore in any weather, but as prevailing breezes are between north-east and south, the cabins and huts have been built on the western side. Each cabin is built some distance from the other, so guests can keep pretty much to their own devices without interruption from neighbours. The Fullers keep a cabin permanently as a holiday house

for themselves and their guests—and it's used pretty often at all times of the year.

On the calm-water side of the island, there are beaches and rocky alcoves which provide a good assortment of drummer, bream and groper; and either side there is always a chance of running into thick shoals of blackfish. Apart from fish, there are plenty of penguins at all times and occasionally seals.

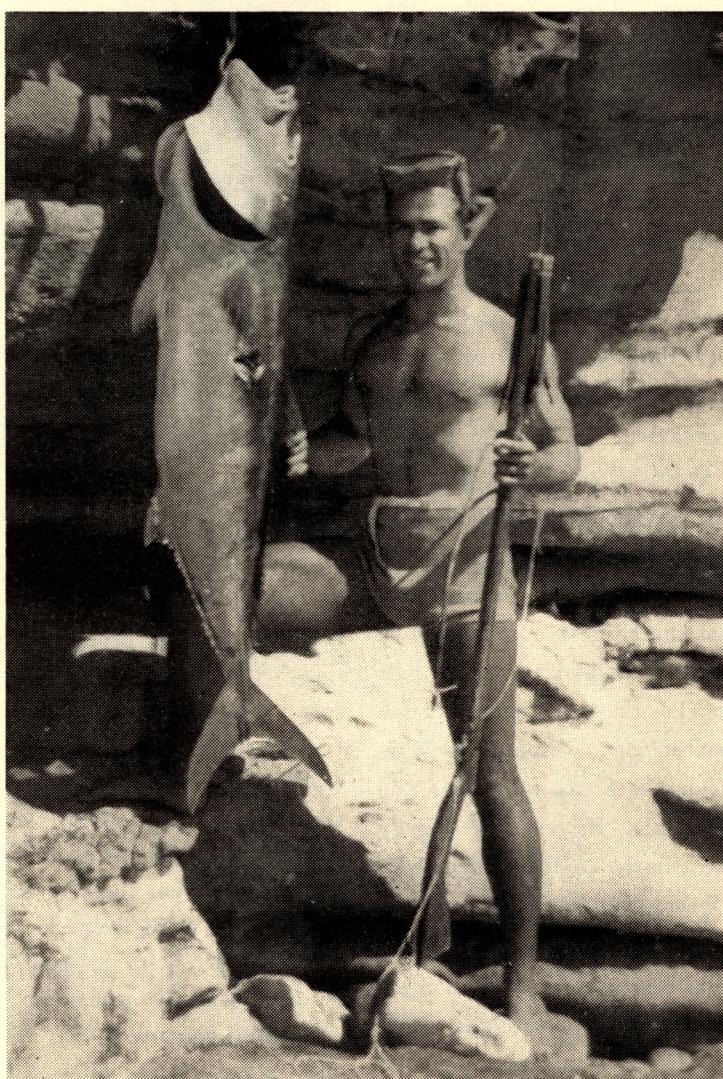
Of course, not all of these facilities have been inaugurated by Malcolm. But it was he who first saw the possibilities of Bowen from the fisherman's—and particularly the spear-fisherman's—point of view, and it was his enthusiasm and ingenuity that have managed to make Bowen into a magnificent hobby that comes very close to paying its way.

Malcolm's interest in swimming dates back to his school-days. He was Captain of Swimming at Cranbrook back before the war, and won the Sydney University 100 yards freestyle championship in 1942. Then the war cut across all his plans; he gravitated quite naturally into water transport—the 41st Landing Craft—and saw uncomfortable service with the A.I.F. at Labuan. In 1946, he returned to Sydney University, decided to try his luck at boxing, and—in the usual way that an expert exponent at one sport will so often excel at any other—won the Uni. Novice Boxing Championship in the heavyweight division.

Friends at Bondi introduced him to the "new" sport of spearfishing about 1947. It had an immediate fascination for Malcolm, a fascination that he feels will never pall. The years have seen some remarkable catches fall to his underwater gun. The one of which he is most proud is the largest game-fish speared in Australia, a 70 lb. kingfish,

bagged at Bowen Island, a record that still stands. You will probably find yourself watching him one of these days on the films; the Department of Information tried their hand at colour for the first time in a film of Bowen Island recently, a documentary that has not yet been released.

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A record! Malcolm Fuller, pictured on Bowen Island with 70 lb. kingfish, record game-fish catch for spearfishing in Australia.

MALCOLM FULLER

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Not content with his skill underwater, Malcolm is also a top-rank gunshot. And that attainment comes only by natural skill, perfected by long practice. In 1952 and again this year, shooting in the Australian National Clay Pigeon Championships, he attained the Australian International Team—meaning that his score placed him in the first twenty. This team, shooting at clays under controlled conditions, competes with other teams under identical conditions in other parts of the world. Actually, Malcolm Fuller's performance this year was a particularly good one; he placed sixth out of 215 competitors with a 59/60 aggregate.

Apart from this "long-distance" competition, Malcolm had a trip in 1951 that gave him real competition overseas. He shot in the best of company in England, Ireland and the U.S.A.—and at the same time contacted spearfishing enthusiasts in Spain, the South of France and California. He remembers Spain particularly as the highlight of a most pleasurable trip.

In the Club, Malcolm Fuller is the last person to mention his achievements, or to claim credit for what he would term the good fortune that has led his ways into such pleasant circum-



Mrs. Malcolm Fuller accompanies Malcolm in both of her husband's favourite sports. She is competent at spear-fishing, and a good gunshot, too. Here the two Fullers are shooting at clay pigeons as a pair, in the Commonwealth Deauville Doubles Championships at Bankstown this year.

stances. He will probably read this article with some discomfort, feeling that his many friends may think that he has been talking about himself. Introduced by his father, John Fuller, a member of very long standing, he has been a stalwart of the third floor—as you would expect. In the pool, he is a consistent runner-up to swimming champion Bill Kendall. But he is probably proudest of the fact that he has appeared in Arthur McCamley's

handball notes as the Club's "most improved handballer this year."

HANDBALL NOTES

Adjustments in the publishing dates of the Magazine have shortened the period for the usual Notes, and those for Handball will not appear until next month's issue.

*Results of First Round
Amounis Cup
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Results—

GRAND SNOOKER TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND:

J. S. Moore	(Rec. 50)	beat	N. R. Plomley	(Rec. 35)	by	9
H. H. Robinson	(Rec. 50)	"	P. J. Schwarz	(Rec. 35)	"	9
T. M. McGrath	(Rec. 55)	"	E. Welch	(Rec. 57)	"	forfeit
J. D. Hickey	(Rec. 50)	"	L. H. Howarth	(Rec. 35)	"	13
A. S. Gordon	(Rec. 55)	"	D. Lotherington	(Rec. 55)	"	13
W. E. Askew	(Rec. 45)	"	G. J. M. Watson	(Rec. 37)	"	forfeit
S. M. Norton	(Rec. 10)	"	L. R. Flack	(Rec. 55)	"	12
L. J. Haigh	(Rec. 40)	"	R. Mead	(Rec. 50)	"	34
Dr. B. Williams	(Rec. 50)	"	C. Rich	(Rec. 60)	"	forfeit
J. A. Roles	(Rec. 55)	"	G. D. Tayler	(Rec. 60)	"	46
R. L. Ball	(Rec. 57)	"	J. L. Fox	(Rec. 55)	"	31
C. M. McCallum	(Rec. 37)	"	R. R. Doyle	(Rec. 55)	"	forfeit
G. Webster	(Rec. 50)	"	J. Coady	(Rec. 42)	"	42
R. J. A. Gray	(Rec. 50)	"	I. Silk	(Rec. 52)	"	38
A. J. Howarth	(Rec. 35)	"	C. J. Shepherd	(Rec. 40)	"	44
E. A. Westhoff	(Rec. 27)	"	A. Turner	(Rec. 40)	"	26
D. G. Cohen	(Rec. 40)	"	A. J. Chown	(Rec. 25)	"	14
J. P. O'Neill	(Rec. 30)	"	J. G. Brown	(Rec. 55)	"	8
C. Scarf	(Rec. 60)	"	S. Peters	(Rec. 30)	"	42
G. H. Elliott	(Rec. 50)	"	S. Stewart	(Rec. 50)	"	43
E. E. Davis	(Rec. 52)	"	P. W. McGrath	(Rec. 50)	"	30
G. J. C. Moore	(Rec. 55)	"	J. R. D. Stapleton	(Rec. 35)	"	forfeit
E. A. Davis	(Rec. 30)	"	H. G. Parr	(Rec. 50)	"	9
W. J. Aitkenhead	(Rec. 40)	"	N. Seamonds	(Rec. 60)	"	12
I. Stanford	(Rec. 45)	"	A. G. Bull	(Owes 3)	"	forfeit
Jack Davis	(Rec. 52)	"	S. G. Sweet	(Rec. 45)	"	19
J. C. Rhind	(Rec. 40)	"	J. D. Mullan	(Rec. 60)	"	forfeit
E. H. Booth	(Rec. 45)	"	J. A. Williams	(Rec. 45)	"	5
A. M. Watson	(Rec. 30)	"	E. M. Adnam	(Rec. 40)	"	24
W. G. Hutchinson	(Rec. 50)	"	E. A. Halcroft	(Rec. 47)	"	29
J. L. Monaro	(Rec. 50)	"	K. Ranger	(Rec. 42)	"	35
V. L. Kirby	(Rec. 45)	"	L. P. Plasto	(Rec. 47)	"	42
A. V. Miller	(Rec. 32)	"	Alec Lash	(Rec. 40)	"	10
H. F. R. Brooks	(Rec. 40)	"	A. C. Gelling	(Rec. 40)	"	1
G. J. Mousally	(Rec. 15)	"	A. J. McDowell	(Rec. 60)	"	18
R. H. Alderson	(Rec. 45)	"	M. Larkins	(Rec. 40)	"	29
K. F. E. Fidden	(Rec. 35)	"	F. Vockler, Jnr.	(Rec. 55)	"	62
T. E. Sweet	(Rec. 55)	"	A. R. Buckle	(Rec. 47)	"	12

GRAND BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

FIRST ROUND:

A. Turner	(Rec. 100)	beat	L. R. Flack	(Rec. 115)	by	9
H. Hill	(Rec. 90)	"	A. J. McDowell	(Rec. 135)	"	forfeit
V. L. Kirby	(Rec. 45)	"	T. Leach	(Rec. 125)	"	64
R. Hutchinson	(Rec. 145)	"	Dr. N. H. Rose	(Rec. 80)	"	16
K. Ranger	(Rec. 110)	"	S. M. Norton	(Rec. 50)	"	28
T. M. McGrath	(Rec. 110)	"	D. G. Cohen	(Rec. 80)	"	105
J. L. Monaro	(Rec. 110)	"	A. G. Bull	(Owes 180)	"	79
E. A. Davis	(Rec. 60)	"	E. W. Abbott	(Rec. 130)	"	30
G. J. C. Moore	(Rec. 130)	"	E. Welch	(Rec. 125)	"	forfeit
A. V. Miller	(Rec. 30)	"	N. Seamonds	(Rec. 160)	"	40
Jack Davis	(Rec. 125)	"	I. Silk	(Rec. 115)	"	55
H. Lesnie	(Rec. 115)	"	R. R. Doyle	(Rec. 140)	"	forfeit
A. J. Chown	(Rec. 30)	"	A. C. Gelling	(Rec. 115)	"	94
G. J. Mousally	(Owes 20)	"	D. Lotherington	(Rec. 130)	"	33

One of Victoria's Greatest Studs—WARLAMY

Started "for fun" 34 years ago in Victoria, Warlaby is now one of the nation's most famous studs and the home of some of Australia's greatest stallions and mares.

DOZENS or mares, worth hundreds of thousands of pounds, pass through Warlaby each year to be served by famous former racehorses and give their progeny to the racing game. Owners pay big fees for their mares to be mated with Warlaby stallions, and highly-priced youngsters have their first lessons in the green fields of the stud's main property of 1,000 acres.

The foundation of Warlaby as a stud was laid when its present owner, E. A. Underwood, was a schoolboy at Scotch College in Melbourne. His father, the late H. A. Underwood, chairman of Williamstown Race Club, gave him a racehorse. He doesn't recall having much success with the horse, but from then until he bought Warlaby, Ted Underwood was never without a racehorse, although for a long time he tried to hide his identity under the assumed name of "E. A. Reid."

Mr. Underwood has no liking for personal publicity. "Write about the horses, not about me," he said. But when dealing with Warlaby there must be some mention of the man whose farsightedness and energy made the stud's name.

Shorthorn cattle were bred at Warlaby in its early days,

before it was taken over by "Sandy" McDougall, first master of the Oaklands Hunt Club. Oaklands point-to-point steeple-chases started from the back of the Warlaby homestead. The club no longer hunts over Warlaby (galloping horses and hounds cannot race through stud farms) but hunting still flourishes in the district.

Warlaby's next owner, bookmaker Maurice Quinlan, owned the noted Aurum and tried him as a sire. Aurum was a failure, however, and Quinlan concentrated instead on sheep and cattle. After the bookmaker's death, Underwood bought Warlaby from the estate.

As this series dealing with the Studs of New South Wales has apparently proved popular, it has been decided to close it with a few of the leading studs of Victoria — studs that have almost as much importance in the Randwick scene as those of this State.

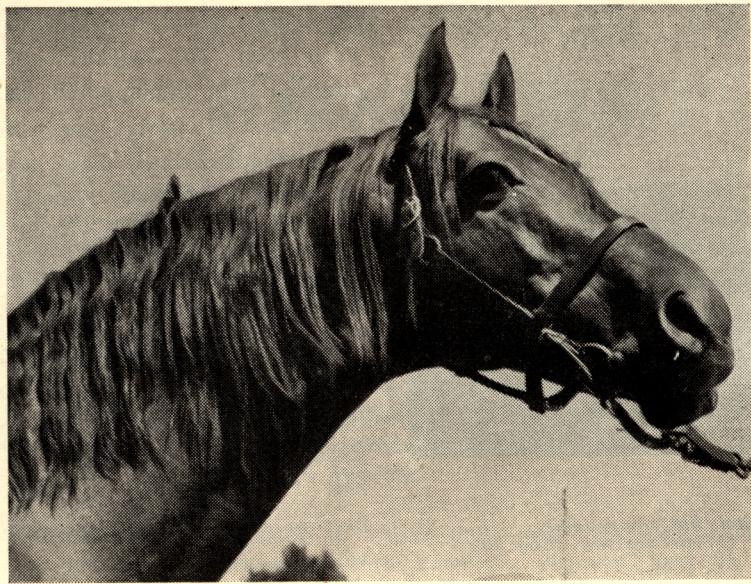
"I started off just for fun and didn't begin to take it seriously until I got Portofino," he says. "Then I really tried to breed good horses." He has taken it so seriously that he now has the stallions Dhoti, Helios, Masthead and Comic Court, and some of Australia's best-known mares.

Warlaby is an ideal stud farm. The main foaling paddock is a hollow, protected on all sides from the wind. In winter the horses are turned out to a secondary paddock of 700 acres "up the road." Cattle are then brought into the horse paddocks, and Herefords clean up the rough stuff among the grass. Pasture harrows aerate the ground, and superphosphate and lime — the bone-builder for horses — is poured into the soil. Underwood has been doing it for years, and the wisdom of his practice is shown in the strong, flat bone of the youngsters.

In the foaling season the life of the stud groom is not an easy one.

When mares are due to foal he stays about until midnight, snatches three or four hours' sleep, and is out again on his midwifery job. Usually, Nature does the job without much trouble.

About half an hour after birth the foal struggles to its feet and begins the search for nourishment. The instinct to find food is strong in him, but often he blunders. He may try his dam's knees, or chest, or hocks, but eventually he gets the idea and then there is no stopping him. After two or three days the foal tries nibbling grass. Then he explores the feeder from which his dam is fed twice a day. He discovers the tastiness of bran, chaff and corn.



A Fine Stallion's Fine Head! Dhoti, by Dastur out of Tricky Aunt, has sired winners of over £307,000 at Warlaby Stud.

(Photo, courtesy "The Sun")

For seven or eight months life goes very smoothly for the youngster. He has no real worries until he is weaned. Then he howls his head off for a night or two, but soon forgets his dam. He is too busy learning what man wants of him. He is taught to lead, and goes through his paces. He is then turned out into the yearling paddocks, the first part of his education complete.

Mr. Underwood considers Dhoti to be the most sensible horse he has had. "Other stallions often get temperamental, but not Dhoti. He never does anything wrong." For example, if Dhoti is led out by the groom to have his photograph taken, Helios in an adjoining yard will rush to the fence with bared

teeth, challenging Dhoti to battle. With a curl of the lip Dhoti ignores the snarls of his rival, and in dignified manner continues to follow the groom.

Irish-bred Dhoti was one of three horses sent to Australia by the late Duke of Kent before he was to have become Governor-General. The war prevented the Duke's arrival, and Dhoti was bought by Underwood, who started him in two races. In his first, his stable companion, Aurie's Star, defeated him by a neck at Moonee Valley over six furlongs. This was no disgrace, however, as Aurie's Star was a magnificent sprinter, and it was Dhoti's first start in a new land. Dhoti's next and last start in Australia was in the 1941 Oakleigh Plate.

He was unplaced, and was retired to the stud at Warlaby.

Here he succeeded at once. When the eldest of his progeny were only three-year-olds, Dhoti was fourth on the list of leading sires in Australia. The next season he moved up to second place on the list after The Buzzard. For several seasons he was leading sire of two-year-olds and again is leading this year. Included among his two-year-olds this year are Aeramatis (V.R.C. Sires Produce Stakes and Ascot Vale Stakes) and the brilliant Sydney colt, Indian Empire. Dhoti has sired winners of £307,550, and is an example of a horse that matured late. Coming to Warlaby as a five-year-old, when most horses

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have stopped growing, Dhoti continued to grow another few inches, to 16 hands. At 17 years he has the bloom and condition of a horse half his age.

Helios, another Warlaby sire, is lucky to be alive. He seriously injured a leg after he came to Australia, and it seemed that he would have to be destroyed. But veterinary care saved him, to become the sire of some of the most promising young horses in Australia. In 1948-49 he set up a one-season record of £71,297, but the record has been broken this year by Deville Wood. Helios so far has sired

winners of £312,200. Among his winners have been Carbon Copy, Wodalla (Melbourne Cup this season) and Cromis (V.R.C. Queen Elizabeth Stakes this year).

Masthead, another sire at Warlaby, has been immediately successful at the stud. In his first two seasons he has sired winners of £22,500, and is sire of Waltzing Lady, the best staying three-year-old filly in Australia, and winner of the V.R.C. Oaks.

Masthead was a good horse in England, winning among other

races the Newmarket St. Leger. He is highly bred; his sire Blue Peter won the English Derby and his dam Schiparelli also is the dam of Herringbone, winner of the English St. Leger and Thousand Guineas. Another daughter of Schiparelli, Swallow Tail, was third in the English Derby.

When Comic Court finished racing, Underwood arranged to take him at Warlaby, where he is being mated with some of the best Underwood mares. The first of Comic Court's progeny will race next season. Our Club member, E. W. Newman, bred a filly by Comic Court from Valonese, which was adjudged the champion yearling filly and champion female at the Sydney Show this year and brought an excellent price at the Sydney yearling sales.

Some of Australia's greatest mares have roamed the paddocks at Warlaby. At one time racing enthusiasts could photograph three outstanding mares all in the one paddock: Flight, Rainbird and Tea Rose. But perhaps the most photogenic of them all is Tranquil Star, who still seems to recognise a camera. She will stand quietly, posing as though she well remembers her past triumphs on the race track. And, in other paddocks, the enthusiast can take fine pictures of colts and fillies—any one of whom might be to-morrow's champion, destined to bring more renown to the name of Warlaby.

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The View from Our First Floor Windows

The view from the windows of the great lounge room of our Club is one that is full of interest to all who know something of Sydney's early history. So many of the buildings within sight of the park are more than a hundred years old, and their foundations were laid when Sydney was a very small place, indeed. And when we look out over the green panorama of Hyde Park itself we are looking, appropriately enough, at the scene of the first Australian racecourse. Here, on this spot, nearly one hundred and fifty years ago, there took place the first organised race meeting ever held in Sydney.

THE time takes us back to a few years after the landing of the First Fleet. Governor Phillip, that man of faith who founded the city, had gone back to England and was living in quiet retirement. He was the man who first fell in love with the beauties of Sydney Harbour. Enthusiastic in his report to the Lords of the Admiralty he wrote that he had found "the finest harbour in the world, in which a thousand sail of the line may ride in the most perfect security."

Sydney-siders have been enthusing about their harbour ever since, though not for quite the same practical reasons that Governor Phillip mentioned.

After Phillip's retirement the new colony had a series of governors, until the year 1810 when Governor Macquarie appeared on the scene. Sydney, according to a chronicler of that time, was only "an insignificant village of bark huts and wooden skillings." The streets were unmade tracks; there were no parks; the country was unexplored beyond Emu Plains. The total population was not much more than 10,000.

Macquarie, a man of vision,

changed all that. He organised the country's resources; laid out and named the principal city streets as they are to-day. He had roads and bridges built, he founded new towns and built churches and other buildings which still stand to-day. Mac-

quarie was perhaps the greatest of all our early Governors. There is no statue to his memory and his greatness, except those monuments he left, the churches and buildings which can still be seen, some of them, from the Club window, but he deserves an affectionate place in our memories for one great thing he did—the dedication of Hyde Park.

When Macquarie came, Sydney was 22 years old. Hyde Park was still an open gum-tree forest—the flat top of a ridge, sloping on the east to Wolloo-mooloo Bay and on the west to Cockle Bay, the present Darling Harbour. On the north it

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THE FIRST FLOOR VIEW—from previous page

extended through by Phillip and Macquarie Streets to the vicinity of the present Government House. A stream commenced in Hyde Park near the vicinity of Bathurst Street, and meandered down through the city in a line with Pitt Street, and this was the Tank Stream that provided the town's water supply. Not one of the buildings now in sight from our windows was in existence at that time, and aborigines were camped round the site of Tattersall's Club.

The proclamation creating Hyde Park was published on October 6, 1810, nine months after Macquarie landed. Here is the text:—"The whole of the ground yet unoccupied in the vicinity of the Town of Sydney hitherto known and alternatively called by the names of The Common, Exercising Ground, Cricket Ground, and Race Course, bounded by the Government Domain on the North, the Town of Sydney on the West, the Brickfields on the South, and Mr. Palmer's premises on the East, being intended in future for the Recreation and amusement of the Inhabitants of the Town and as a Field of Exercise for the Troops, the Governor has thought proper to name the ground thus described, 'Hyde Park,' by which name it is henceforth to be called and denominated."

Though designated a Race Course in the foregoing description, no races had been held as yet, but the term "exercise ground" explains the use that was made of it.

The officers of the 73rd Regiment quite early determined to organise race meetings to brighten up their term of duty in the Colony, and the officers' mess room was the place appointed for the first assemblage of subscribers on June 4, 1810. Lieut.-

Col. Maurice O'Connell, Thomas Wright, and Francis Williams were appointed stewards, and John Reddington first clerk of the course.

They marked out a race track which followed approximately the present boundaries of Hyde Park, and with the voluntary labour of soldiers and citizens, cleared and burnt off the scrub and timber. Long before it was finished some over enthusiastic gentlemen had to be asked to refrain from galloping over it in its unfinished state; indeed, the Clerk of Course, Mr. Reddington, went so far as to insert public notices in the "Sydney Gazette" to the effect that "any horse that may be seen in training on the course will not be allowed to start."

The first race meeting went off in proper style. As a preliminary, the subscribers to the Sydney Race Course held a dinner on August 13, the birthday of the then Prince of Wales, and the evening passed with the utmost conviviality and harmony, distinguished by the presence of the Governor himself. The races were fixed for Monday, 15th October, and the Wednesday and Friday following. All were gazetted public holidays, so that a good time would be had by all. By early September the course had been completed "at a very considerable expense," and a Bachelors' Ball was given "by those gentlemen who have not yet made their devotion at the Hymeneal Altar," this event being a "compleat success," according to the records.

When race week arrived, Sydney was crowded with the greatest gathering ever assembled in the colony up to that time. They came from all parts of the settled districts — from Parramatta, Prospect, Seven Hills and Hawkesbury—even from so far

outback as the Nepean district. It was a true gala week, and entertainments were given all over the town as people welcomed their country friends "down for the races."

"For general information on the subject of these elegant sports," said the "Sydney Gazette" of the day, "a Racing Kalendar will be in readiness at nine on Monday morning. Price, 6d." It seems that no copy of this Kalendar, first of its kind in Australia, has been preserved, but we have the newspaper account of this historic meeting.

The Governor had issued a general order forbidding and prohibiting all species of Gambling, Drunkenness, Swearing, Quarrelling, Fighting or Boxing taking place on or near the race ground on penalty of gaol. These amusements were not prohibited, however, away from the race-ground!

The first event commenced at one o'clock, and saddle up was sounded on a bugle.

The area of the whole course can be seen from the windows of our Club. The starting and winning post stood at the top of Market Street. The course ran round by St. James Church, thence past St. Mary's Cathedral, along College Street, turned at the corner of Oxford Street, and rounded Liverpool Street to come into the long straight of Elizabeth Street to the winning post home. The distance was one and a quarter miles. There was one race of three heats on the programme each day, a Plate, a Cup and a Purse, the value being 50 guineas each. Other races on the programme were match races. The programme is worth reading:

SYDNEY RACES Monday, 15th October, 1810 First Day

A Plate, value 50 guineas, given by the subscribers to the

Sydney Race Course for horses of all ages belonging to subscribers. The best of three two-mile heats. 2 yrs. old to carry 6st. 2lb.; 3 yrs. old, 6st. 12 lb.; 4 yrs. old, 8st.; 5 yrs. old, 8st. 8lb.; 6 yrs. old, 8st. 12lb.; and aged, 9st.

Wednesday, 17th October
Second Day

A Cup, value 50 guineas, given by the Ladies of the Colony, for horses of all ages belonging to the subscribers to the Sydney Race Course. The best of three two-mile heats. 3 yrs. old to carry 7st. 4lb.; 4 yrs. old, 8st. 12lb.; 6 yrs. old, 9st. 2lb.; and aged, 10st.

Friday, 19th October
Third Day

A Purse, value 50 guineas, given by the Magistrates of the Colony, free for all horses (with the exception of the winner of the Plate and Cup), the best of three two-mile heats. 2 yrs. old to carry 6st. 2lb.; 3 yrs. old 7st. 4lb.; 4 yrs. old, 8st.; 5 yrs. old, 8st. 8lb.; 6 yrs. old, 8st. 12lb.; and aged, 9st.

Capt. Ritchies Chase won the Plate on the first day and the Cup on the second; Mr. Benn's bl. h., Scratch, won the Purse on the third day.

The feature of the racing was the success of W. C. Wentworth's bay gelding, Gig, which on each of the three days of the meeting raced Mr. Broughton's Jerry three miles and won. On the last day this win was recorded after Gig had fallen in the first heat of the Purse owing to a dog getting on the course. This mishap occurred in spite of a large notice which stated that "all dogs found hereon will be shot."

The triumph of the Hawkesbury-trained Scratch in the open race on the last day was received with tumultuous delight by the great crowd who came down from the River settlement. They had backed Scratch, of course, and when he won in two straight heats they marched him

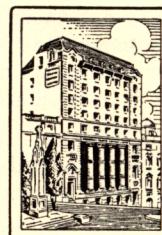
at the head of a procession to the sign of the York Races, in York Street, honoured him with the fraternal embrace, so we are told, and placing him in the centre of an admiring circle, all drank to his future success in copious draughts of the best.

To add to the success of the week there were cock fights in nearby houses and foot races run on the course, when it was not occupied by horses. One foot race was for 20 guineas, made by Dicky Dowling, who undertook to carry a 14 stone man on his back for 50 yards before his opponent, a young man, could run over the same course twice. And Dicky won, by a small margin.

But the outstanding social success of the meeting was the Subscribers' Ball, according to the records. Tattersall's Club has never yet seen anything like it. The ballroom was filled with revellers until two o'clock, when

some of the company retired, and those that chose to remain formed into a gay supper party. This is the report written by the representative of the "Sydney Gazette," in the flowery journalistic language of the period: "After the cloth was removed the rosy deity asserted his pre-eminence, and with the zealous Momus and Apollo, chased pale Cynthia down to the western world. The blazing orb of day announced his near approach, and the God of the Chariot reluctantly forsook his company. Bacchus dropped his head, and Momus could no longer animate." Those were the days!

When the 73rd Regiment left the Colony in 1814, the meetings lapsed for five years. Later meetings were held in 1819, 1820 and 1821, and again in 1825, but the 1826 meeting was held near the University, and Hyde Park does not appear to have been used again as a racecourse.



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SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

CRICKET

YOU wouldn't pick New Zealand's Bert Sutcliffe out in a crowd as a Test star—but, then, the same might have been said of other cricket celebrities like Don Bradman, Bill O'Reilly and Lindsay Hassett.

Neither Sutcliffe's appearance nor manner outwardly proclaims his batting genius or athletic prowess. He's good-looking, modest, quietly-spoken, neatly-dressed and compactly built.

He is 30, 5 ft. 8 in. and 10 st. 4 lb. Married, he lives at Dunedin (when not on cricket tours!), and has two children, a boy and a girl—Gary 5, and Christine 3.

In street clothes, with his alert face and bearing, Bert could be taken for, say, an air-lines pilot, a salesman, a bank clerk . . . indeed, anything in the professional line.

He looks just an ordinary citizen.

But see Bert Sutcliffe in cricket togs, on the field—at the batting crease. A startling transformation!

Now he's a debonair figure, with a flashing bat. He's on the offensive to belt the bowling, as he so often does. He's essentially an attacking batsman, but can play the steady or calm defensive games when necessary. He can get well behind the ball, and isn't afraid to dance out audaciously to slows. He says he likes batting against slow bowlers best.

With it all he has that Bradman concentration of not "throwing a party" when he reaches 100, but of setting out determinedly for 200 . . . then 300 . . . or more.

There's nothing strained about

his stance. He looks comfortable—and confident—as he faces his lifelong enemy, the bowler. His strokes are clean and elegant. He can unleash sizzling off-drives. His leg-glances are gems. In fact, he is master of all shots—even the hook, which he uses judiciously.

It landed him in trouble on the slow wickets in England early in the 1949 tour, until he tightened it, his one streaky shot then.

Bert seldom lifts a ball, except to safety. And he can change his shot at the last split second against spinners. These are marks of batting greatness.

In some ways, Sutcliffe, with his light hair and left-hand batting, resembles Arthur Morris, N.S.W. and Australian opener; but he looks a somewhat slimmer and more polished Morris.

Bert is like a panther in the field at leg-slip or anywhere else, the way he swoops on the speeding ball. His return is swift and sure. He is also a useful left-arm slow bowler.

In a World XI team Sutcliffe would be assured of a place.

On performances in recent years and on current form, he must be ranked as one of the six best batsmen in the world to-day. The other four, in my view, are: Len Hutton (England), Neil Harvey (Victoria and Australia), Frank Worrell, C. Walcott and Everton Weekes (West Indies). We didn't see the best of Worrell and Weekes here in 1951-52.

After England's 1950-51 Test tour of Australia and New Zealand, M.C.C. captain Fred Brown told me when I saw him off at Essendon airport (Melbourne) that he regarded Bert Sutcliffe as the best left-hand

batsman in the world—even ahead of Neil Harvey and Arthur Morris. Brown's opinion must command respect.

Sutcliffe had made 116 against Brown's team in the fifth Test at Christchurch. (Only two Tests were played.)

In Australia in March, Sutcliffe, continuing to lead the homing Kiwis (with skipper Geoff Rabone still out of action from a foot injury in South Africa), emphasised his world class with three masterly centuries in his three games—142 at Perth, 149 at Adelaide, and 117 at Melbourne. He had never played in Australia before. And the wickets in the three State capitals were all different. It speaks volumes for his resourcefulness and adaptability. Even then, we probably didn't see him at quite his brilliant best.

This followed his successful 1953-54 tour of South Africa, where he won the N.Z. race for 1,000 runs, and topped their first-class averages, with 1,155 runs, average 46.2.

For the five Tests against South Africa (N.Z. lost four and one was drawn), Sutcliffe averaged 38.1, second to Rabone's average of 50.2 for three Tests.

On New Zealand's 1949 Test tour of England, under Captain W. A. Hadlee, Sutcliffe wrote his name luminously in cricket annals. One of his team's big trumps, he nabbed these honours:

● He was the only N.Z. player to be named as one of Wisden's "Five Cricketers of the Year."

OBITUARIES

GEORGE T. ROWE,
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Died, 13/5/1954.

- He piled up most runs ever by a New Zealander on a tour—2,627, average 59.7.
- He hit most centuries (seven) for his side.
- With 243 and 100 not out against Essex at Southend, he was the first touring N.Z. player to get two separate centuries in a match—and his 243 was the highest score ever by a touring New Zealander.

On the 1949 tour of England another famous left-hander, Martin Donnelly, narrowly beat Sutcliffe for the N.Z. batting average, with 2,287 runs, average 61.8.

Donnelly, now 36, and in a position in New South Wales, dropped out of big cricket too soon, alas.

One of Bert Sutcliffe's big records—a world one—is sharing two double century first-wicket partnerships (220 and 286), with D. Taylor in the same match, for Auckland against Canterbury, in 1948-49.

A spectacular Sutcliffe record in his mammoth 385 for Otago against Canterbury at Lancaster Park, Christchurch, in December, 1952.

This is the biggest first-class score ever by a New Zealander

ATHLETICS

THE decision of the Germans to send a small sports team of track and field athletes, swimmers, cyclists and rowers to Melbourne to gain experience of local conditions illustrates the doubt with which most European countries view Melbourne as a choice for the 1956 Olympic Games.

The German Olympic Committee wrote to Mr. Edgar Tanner, secretary of the Australian Olympic Federation early this year.

"We confront a completely new and unknown situation in sending our team to Australia in 1956," the letter read. "We, therefore, consider it advisable to take part in some events during the Olympic Games period in 1954."

The letter described the probable composition of the team and said they would like to compete in Melbourne events between November 22 and December 8, "to gain the necessary experience for our Olympic expedition in 1956."

Typical of German thoroughness, you may say, but since Melbourne was awarded the honour to stage the Games many countries have raised objections from time to time.

The latest and most consistent complaint has been that the "change of seasons" must upset competitors' preparation programmes.

Anxiety on that score was no doubt heightened by the failure of Finland's champion miler, Denis Johansson at the Australian championships in Sydney last January.

But when Johansson came to Australia he had done no training at all for several weeks. Then while here he was set back further by a slight foot injury.

To top it all he didn't give two hoots about running once he arrived. He admitted to me that he was "enjoying the holiday in your beautiful sunshine."

Australia's greatest track coach, Percy Cerutty, ridicules the fears of European athletes that the switch of seasons for the games will handicap them.

He says: "What does it matter if German, Swedish, French or athletes from any other country have to hold their form a little longer? It means extending their training and compet-

itive season for less than two months."

(The European athletic season usually ends about September.)

Cerutty's argument is supported by the experience of all previous Australian Olympic Games teams who have had to compete "out of season" to a greater extent than the European teams will be obliged to do.

Yet there has never been a complaint of hardship from the Australians. Perhaps they are not pampered to the same extent.

The Australian summer ends in March and since all previous Olympic Games have been held in the northern hemisphere in July or August, Australian teams have had to continue in training for four or five months extra.

The difficulty for the Australians has not been to continue in

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training—few modern athletes let up entirely anyway—but to maintain their peak summer form for so long a period.

That it can be done is indisputable. In the 1952 Games at Helsinki Les Perry was sixth in the 5,000 metres, clocking 14 min. 23.6 sec., which is better than any time he has run at home.

Any failures by Australians at the various games can be put down, not so much to the fact that they competed "out of season," but because they lacked experience in top-class international competition and suffered a form of stage fright which prevented them from doing their best on the day.

John Landy, I think, was a victim of these two upsetting factors in both the 1,500 and 5,000 metres heats at Helsinki.

Or how can one explain Ray Weinberg running last in the 110 metres hurdles final although he was recognised to be the third fastest man in the field, if it wasn't lack of experience or because of nerves?

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club



June, 1933

JUNE, 1933, saw the severing of quite a few links with the past. Veteran trainer Harry Raynor died during that month—and Harry's interest in racing dated right back to the 1850's. One of the first horses he remembered was Veno, owned by the grandfather of the A.J.C. Secretary of that time Mr. Rowe. Veno won a match against a Victorian champion, running two races of three miles each in the one afternoon. Another oldtimer to pass away was Jack Williamson, a New Zealand trainer, whose charges Royal Irish, Loyal Irish and steeple-chaser Pittsworth had raced with success in Sydney.

THE magazine of June, 1933, was looking forward—rather a long way forward, certainly, to the Spring racing, making a guess or two at likely winners while yet the old season of 1932-33 was not officially dead. That was the time of Peter Pan and the crack New Zealand filly Silver Scorn, of Hall Mark and Vista, of Johnnie Jason and Jacko. It was not so long since the first merger of racing interests under the A.J.C. banner, and the cessation of the pony events. There were quite a few of the performers of the pony days still in training—in fact, an "ex-pony" in Strength had carried off the previous year's Metropolitan.

THE magazine of June, 1933, announced that membership aided by a "drive" undertaken by the newly-elected Committee, was advancing rapidly—there were about 1,900 members in those days, the intention to take the figure over the 2,000 mark, and the committee hoped to achieve that figure before the end of the year 1933.

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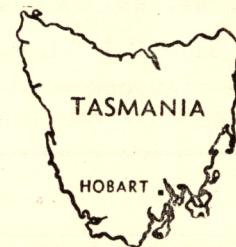
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*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 14
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Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 19
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 26

JULY

A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 3
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 10
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 17
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 24
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 28
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 31

AUGUST

*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 2
 *(Bank Holiday Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 7
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 14
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 21
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 25
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 28

SEPTEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 4
Tattersall's Club (Randwick) Sat. 11
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 18
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 22
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 25

OCTOBER

*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 2
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 4
*Australian Jockey Club Wed. 6
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 9
 *(Spring Meeting)

Sydney Turf Club Wed. 13

City Tattersall's (Randwick) Sat. 16
Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 23
Australian Jockey Club Sat. 30

NOVEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Canterbury) Sat. 6
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 13
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 17
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm) Sat. 20
Australian Jockey Club Sat. 27

DECEMBER

Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill) Sat. 11
*Australian Jockey Club Sat. 18
Sydney Turf Club Wed. 22
*Australian Jockey Club Mon. 27
 *(Summer Meeting)

SWIMMING NOTES

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Fuller (21) 1, R. Harris (22) 2, W. Williams (22) 3. Time, 20.4 secs. 2nd Division Final: A. McCamley (30) 1, T. Barrell (25) 2, T. M. Wayland (25) 3. Time, 29 secs.

18th May—80 yards Brace Relay Handicap: T. Barrell and J. O. Dexter (47) 1, G. Eastment and R. Harris (46) 2, H. E. Davis and A. McCamley (51) 3. Time, 46.3 secs.

25th May—40 yards Handicap: L. Trafford (26) 1, T. Barrell (25) 2, A. D. Clifford (27) 3. Time, 25.2 secs.

April-May Point Score

This series resulted: A. McCamley 29, 1; R. Harris 25, 2; F. Harvie 22, 3; W. Williams 21, 4; J. O. Dexter 20, 5; S. Murray, M. Fuller and T. Barrell 19½, 6; H. Herman 18, 9; H. E. Davis and F. Daly 15, 10; C. Hoole 14, 11; K. Francis 13½, 12; C. Godhard and P. Lindsay 13, 13.

May-June Point Score

With two events to complete it, the leaders in this series are: T. Barrell 15, L. Trafford and J. O. Dexter 12, R. Harris 11½, A. McCamley, H. E. Davis, A. D. Clifford and G. Eastment 10, C. Godhard 9, G. Laforest and H. Herman 8, P. Lindsay and S. Murray 7.

"Native Son" Point Score

Scores in this series, for all points scored during the season, are:—J. O. Dexter 158, R. Harris 153, A. McCamley 135½, H. Herman 134½, T. Barrell 128½, F. Harvie 126, S. Murray 124½, C. Godhard 123, P. Lindsay 121, G. Laforest 114, W. Williams 100½, H. Davis 92, M. Fuller 86½, N. Barrell 85½, B. Chiene 83½, C. Hoole 83½, A. Stewart 83, J. N. Creer 75½, K. Francis 74, V. Thicknesse 69½, P. Williams 69, T. M. Wayland 63½, J. Shaffran 62, W. Kirwan 60½, S. Lorking 57½, R. Carrick 57, F. Daly 51.

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E. E. Davis	"	T. Barrell, 42-40.
P. B. Lindsay	"	R. G. Spencer, 41-38.
J. O. Dexter	"	M. Fuller, 41-35.
A. McGill	"	F. Harvie, 41-37.
Neil Barrell	"	W. W. Kirwan, 41-33.
Z. Lazarus	"	Eric Thompson, 41-34.
C. V. Chatterton	"	A. McCamley, 41-29.
G. Eastment	"	C. P. Godhard, 41-35.
K. Francis	"	V. Thicknesse, W.O.
B. Adams	"	D. Bloomfield, W.O.
G. Laforest	"	P. Williams, 41-31.
L. A. Silk	"	P. Hill, W.O.

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HANDICAPS

G. McGilvray	Scr.	D. Bloomfield	24
B. Partridge	Scr.	C. Chatterton	26
E. E. Davis	.....	Scr.	E. T. Penfold	.....	26
P. B. Lindsay	.....	10	B. Adams	.....	26
J. O. Dexter	.....	10	K. Francis	.....	27
Fred Harvie	.....	12	P. Williams	.....	27
Z. Lazarus	.....	15	C. Godhard	.....	28
A. McCamley	.....	16	H. Castle	.....	28
G. Eastment	.....	18	L. A. Silk	.....	28
Eric Thompson	19	R. G. Spencer	28
A. McGill	20	P. Hill	28
V. Thicknesse	20	Neil Barrell	29
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